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Brown lawsuit trial set for April 28

Trial will be in Didsbury

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The wrongful dismissal trial of the town's former chief administrative officer Roy Brown has been set for April 28 in Didsbury before a provincial court judge.

Brown plans to call four witnesses and the town plans to call 10, according to his statement of claim and the Town of Didsbury's dispute note.

Brown's statement of claim and the town's dispute notice made in response to the statement of claim contain statements that have not been proven in court.

In his statement of claim filed on Dec. 15, 2015 in provincial court of Alberta (civil) - small claims court - and reported in the Didsbury Review Jan. 19, Brown states his employment contract with the town could only be terminated with four months' notice, but he was summarily terminated effective Nov. 24.

Brown is claiming \$56,666.67 for wrongful termination, \$5,000 for lost benefits and \$25,000 for aggravated and/ or punitive damages, plus interest, and "abandons that part of the claim that exceeds the financial jurisdiction of the court." A provincial court of Alberta (civil) judgment is limited to \$50,000.

In its Dispute Note in response to the statement of claim, the Town of Didsbury states that Brown left the town office during a meeting in June 2015 in which he was told that the town would not renew his employment contract when it expired in March 2016.

He never returned to work, notifying the town that he was on sick leave as recommended by his doctor. The town says that Brown asked the town to buy out his contract.

The town says it "formally terminated (Brown's) employment for reasons of just cause, including but not limited to:

"Dishonesty, theft and pilfering... insubordination, insolence and other disrespectful and disobedient conduct... sexual and other harassment and creation of a poisoned work environment... abuse of power... conflict of interest... neglect of duty... (and) breaching Town Policies."

The Dispute Note states that he discovered after Brown was terminated that he had received, "an offer or notice of offer for purchase of assets of the Town valued at \$6,900,000 (and) had never reported the offer to council."

And, "he had instructed the Town's contract assessor to conduct matters in a fashion inconsistent with and in breach of the Municipal Government Act and had done so previously and in fact since 2008."

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The Town of Didsbury is asking the court to dismiss Brown's claim.



Noel West/MVP Staff

At the Westglen School career technology fair Feb 11, Grade 5 student Shelby Davies blows on a bowl of water with dry ice in it at Grade 8 student Gavin Etmanski's project entitled 3 Science Projects That You Can Do At Home. Westglen science projects for the Mountain View School Technology Fair on Feb. 27 include Madelyn Pasloske/Dakota Bishop - Time Travel; Brooklynn Goerzen/Cheyenne Swanson - Volcano; Brooklynn Ruby - Watermelon Pressure; Grade 5 Girls - What happens when you boil drinks?; Baylee Black - Do liquids evaporate at the same time?; Tyler Wrigley - Volcanoes; Chester Dodd/Colby Fifield - How does matter measure the splatter?

Engineer complies with APEGA order

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

Consulting engineer Michael Richards has complied with the orders of the Discipline Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta that reviewed an investigation into work he did on the Heritage Crossing condominium project in Didsbury.

Richards was hired by Custom Homes by Ashbury Design Inc. in 2010 to provide structural engineering work on the project and terminated in January 2013.

Richards agreed to the orders with his Discipline Committee case manager and the discipline committee at the time the orders were issued, after he "freely and voluntarily admitted that his conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct."

As ordered, he provided APEGA with "copies of transcripts, certificates or diplomas that verify his knowledge of structural engineering."

As ordered, he provided a "list of projects successfully completed by him to corroborate his knowledge and experience in structural engineering."

As ordered, he successfully completed "a project management course acceptable to the Investigative Panel."

Richards said on Feb. 16 that he has completed the course that the discipline committee ordered within one year of the order of the APEGA Discipline Committee, dated Jan. 8, 2016.

He also said that APEGA will publish the details of the matter in the PEG magazine, and that the Didsbury Review was premature in printing a story of his discipline Feb. 9 before PEG published it.



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Clark buys an NDP card and calls for a hostile takeover of the party

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Albertans First organizer George Clark has purchased an NDP membership card and says his supporters should do likewise and take over the party.

"Premier Notley doesn't listen to Albertans, but she'll listen to party members," said Clark when unveiling his strategy.

Clark has been deliberating the hostile takeover since the beginning of the year and has discussed it in closed meetings of his petition canvassers on his tours across the province.

He told the Review in January that if Albertans First buy the majority of Alberta NDP memberships, "it will become the most conservative New

Democratic Party in Canada."

Clark has raised more than \$28,000 through crowd funding to pay costs for the canvas to get signatures on petitions asking for plebiscites to rescind Bill 6 and withdraw carbon tax legislation.

"It's very humbling to work with this volunteer group of loving Albertans," said Clark in a post on the GoFundMe site.

"In just 11 days you generous supporters have exceeded the target set (\$25,000).

"My mother always told me that Albertans care about others more than they do for themselves. When I see how much has fallen into place over the past two months, I am overwhelmed with joy and gratitude," he said.

"Joy because I know that we will be

the force that forces accountability and respect upon an arrogant, disrespectful NDP government. Gratitude because when we've been attacked and mocked by the NDP organized suppression groups, none of us ever faced these attacks on our own, Clark said.

Clark said he has received permission for a rally called Celebration of Democracy on the legislature grounds in Edmonton, on March 8 from 12 to 2 p.m.

"Find a bus, carpool, take the LRT," he said in a post.

"Bring your handmade signs, your smartphones and iPhones to record history. Most of all bring your desire to set Alberta back on course to the greatness we need to restore," Clark said.

"When we allow ourselves to act

based upon love for family, friends and fellow Albertans First, government will yield to finally do what even they know is the right thing to do."

The crowd funding site will remain open until the day of the rally and proceeds will be used to fund "unexpected expenses" of the day.

Meanwhile, canvassing escalated on the weekend of Feb. 20 and 21 for signatures on the petitions asking for plebiscites to rescind Bill 6 and abandon carbon tax legislation.

Across the province trailers and booths were set up in many towns and teams of canvassers formed up online to help each other with canvassing.

Clark says that more than 2,500 "plebiscite warriors" have assisted with the canvass.

Country Christmas set for Dec. 2

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The chamber of commerce and the Heritage Core Business District have set Friday, Dec. 2 as the date for Country Christmas 2016.

The decision to return to a Friday

in December for the event was agreed upon in a meeting of the two groups Feb. 10 after merchants raised concerns about Country Christmas 2015, held on the final Saturday in November.

Some merchants said the event took place without sufficient consultation and sales were disappointing.

In response, the chamber opened up the 2016 event to merchants at two meetings in February that resulted in a decision to return to a Friday date after a close vote on the matter.

The Heritage Core Business District (HCBD) will take the lead in the event.

"We welcome the opportunity to

assist and look forward to co-operating together with the HCBD," said chamber president Barb Neufeld.

"The chamber is not going to control the event, but we will be gladly involved and volunteers for the HCBD committee can contact the chamber office," she said.

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Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403.335.8719
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday February 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Home Alone: Wednesday & Thursday March 16 & 17 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Ages 10 +, a sibling 8 or older may attend alongside their older sibling. \$40.00 for the first child, \$30.00 for the sibling. Dinner will be provided one night.

To register, please call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.

ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

February

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Please visit www.didsbury.ca/town/recycling to view the zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.

• Recycling Blue Bins will continue to be picked up every week until the end of April. Beginning May 1, recycling roll-out bins will come into effect and be picked up every other week, in conjunction with compost.

March

8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24

pick-up resumes April 12

RCMP PRIORITIES SURVEY

Dear residents,

Annually, Council has the opportunity to set priorities for the RCMP within our community. As such, Council is seeking public feedback as to what residents feel is important to them. Please take a minute to answer the short, one-question survey entitled, RCMP Priorities Survey found on our website: www.didsbury.ca. The survey will be available until noon on March 4, 2016.

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Colts sweep semifinals against Wranglers

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Ninety seconds into overtime on Feb. 21, Ryan Klinck scored the semifinal series winning goal for the Mountainview Colts on a shot over the shoulder of Blackfalds Wranglers goalie Nicholas Herrebrugh.

Jacob Vander Zaag set up the goal in the brief overtime, played entirely around the Wranglers net.

The four-game series sweep abruptly cut off a comeback attempt by the Wranglers, who pressed throughout the third period to break a 3-2 Colts lead, and Tyrell McCubbing scored a 3-3 tying goal at the 18:40 mark.

The tie lasted for two minutes and 40 seconds of playing time until Klinck's overtime marker.

The dramatic end to the Heritage Junior B League northern division best-of-seven semifinal came on the Wranglers' home ice at the Blackfalds Multiplex in a Sunday afternoon game.

The Colts now wait for the winner of the best-of-five semifinal between the Red Deer Vipers and the Airdrie Thunder, tied at two games apiece with the next game scheduled on Feb. 23 in Airdrie.

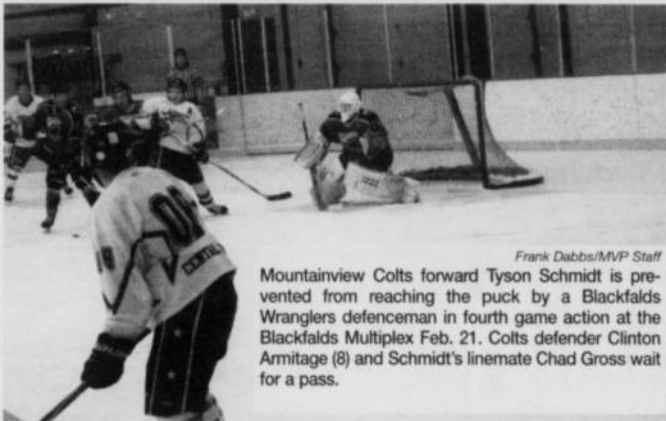
The Wranglers were contenders only three times during the series, during the first two periods of the first game on Feb. 17, when at the end of the second period the teams were deadlocked in a 2-2 tie. In the fourth game the first period ended in, again, a 2-2 tie, and the third period ended with a 3-3 deadlock.

In the first game, it



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Mountainview Colts rookie forward Mitchell Visser autographs pucks before the first game of the Heritage Junior B northern division semifinals. Visser got two assists in a series-opening 5-2 victory over the Blackfalds Wranglers.



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Mountainview Colts forward Tyson Schmidt is prevented from reaching the puck by a Blackfalds Wranglers defenceman in fourth game action at the Blackfalds Multiplex Feb. 21. Colts defender Clinton Armitage (8) and Schmidt's linemate Chad Gross wait for a pass.

was a three-goal flurry in the first five minutes and 40 seconds of the third period that broke the Wranglers with a final score of 5-3. Austin Pickord, Chad Jamieson and Austin Petersen found the net for the Colts in that rally.

Until that point in the game, the Colts looked sluggish after a weeklong break while the elimination games went down. There were two Colts teams in the

regular season: the hard-working, goal-scoring machine and the lackadaisical, penalty-prone sleepwalkers.

Both teams showed up for the first game against Blackfalds. Fortunately, the winners woke up between the second and third periods and fired the losers.

The second and third games were romps for the Colts. They won 7-3 in the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Feb. 18 and

7-1 in Blackfalds on Feb. 20. The Colts were never behind in the two games.

The series degenerated into a brawl only once, in the final minute of the third game. The Wranglers - who were

down 7-1 in the game and would be behind in the series 3-0 when the final horn sounded - went into their chippy mode.

Blackfalds, which has earned a roughhouse reputation this season, put out the bait in the form of the elbows and mouth of Eric Moltzahn, and Quintin Thorburn took the provocation. These two chief dancers at the party got 15 minutes in penalties

including a game ejection for Thorburn. There were three roughing penalties as well, two to Blackfalds and one to the Colts.

The Colts are serious contenders for the league championship as long as they show up for every period and remember they never win when they are in the penalty box. This is a team that wins by being smart and working hard and not by physical domination.

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The Heritage Junior B playoff run

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts face the Blackfalds Wranglers in the best-of-seven semifinal round of the Heritage Junior B hockey league's northern division.

Mountainview finished the regular season in first place in the division and earned a bye in the elimination round.

In the four elimination series in the northern and southern divisions, the advancing teams won their series by two games to none.

The Blackfalds Wranglers advanced by downing the fifth-place Three Hills Thrashers. Blackfalds won the first game 4-3 in double overtime, then went on to swamp the Thrashers 8-2.

Meanwhile the third-place Red Deer Vipers advanced to the semifinals against the second-place Airdrie Thunder with lopsided victories of 7-0 and 10-1 over the sixth-place Ponoka Stampede.

In the southern division the third-place Coaldale Copperheads advanced to the semifinals against the first-place Okotoks Bisons by eliminating the sixth-place High River Flyers.

The Cochrane Generals are leading the fifth-place Strathmore Wheatland Kings three games to zero. Results from the fourth game played Feb. 22 were not available at press time.

The Wheatland Kings qualified for the semifinal after a surprise victory over the fourth-place Banff Academy Bears.

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Police briefs

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Fuel stolen and spilled

A large amount of fuel was stolen on Feb. 16 between 12 and 8 a.m. from a gravel pit in Mountain View County near Highway 580.

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske said a homemade trailer was also stolen and located five miles west on Highway 580 and a lot of fuel had spilled out.

"The trailer flipped over and there was tons of fuel leaking, like 2,000 litres of fuel was leaking out of this trailer. Most of the fuel had already

leaked out," said Pasloske.

Members of the Carstairs Fire Department and Environment Canada helped clean up the spill.

If anyone has any information regarding these incidents they are asked to call the detachment at 403-335-3382 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Truck stolen from "Good Samaritan"

A man's truck was stolen on the side of Highway 2 last week while he was helping someone fix their broken down tractor trailer only a few feet away.

Police say he pulled his

yellow Home Hardware work truck over on Highway 2 between Carstairs and Didsbury during the afternoon of Feb. 8 after seeing someone working on a broken down tractor trailer and deciding to help them.

"He was underneath the vehicle doing some work on it, and when he finished his work and went to go to his truck it was gone," said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Clint Gulash, adding the keys were on the driver's seat inside the vehicle.

"He just was a Good Samaritan. He stopped to help this guy and had his truck stolen," he said.

"You always have to be vigi-

lant. It's crazy to think they could have been seen at any second.

"Obviously two people came along in a vehicle and stopped and one jumped out and fired it up and off they went."

Suspects caught on video surveillance

Didsbury RCMP officers are asking for assistance from the public to find two people believed to be responsible for stealing thousands of dollars worth of metal.

The metal was stolen from a manufacturing business

in Didsbury multiple times over the last few weeks, according to Const. Daniel Bouwmeester.

He said two people believed to be responsible for the thefts were caught on video surveillance at the business on Feb. 2 inside a blue GMC Sierra extended cab pickup truck.

They were wearing visibility vests and white hard hats and the model year of the truck is estimated to be between 1999 and 2006.

There was an aluminum or stainless steel toolbox in the back of the truck and a small amber beacon light was attached to the roof on the rear driver's side

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- G. REUNITED - PEACHES & HERB
- H. FRONT PORCH THING - LITTLE BIG TOWN

Answers

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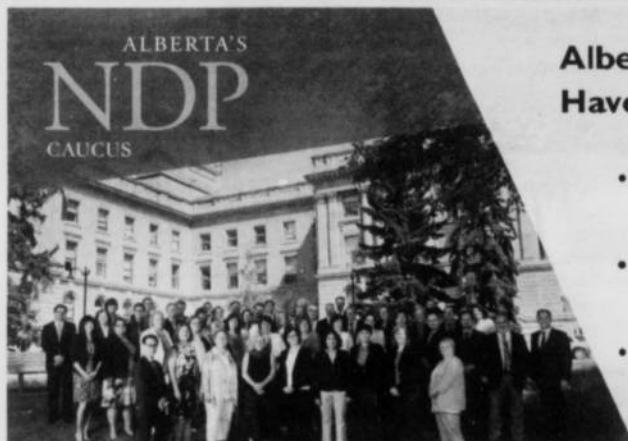
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NDP's messaging a train wreck



JOHNNIE BACHUSKY

Incredibly, but perhaps predictably, the NDP government finds itself once again in another communications disaster all because it had no idea how to handle a mischievous right-wing troublemaker whose sole purpose in life is to get on the nerves of everything that is left.

"We've heard a lot of feedback from Albertans and media over the course of the last two days, and it's clear we made a mistake," said Cheryl Oates, communications director for Premier

Rachel Notley, last week after her party's latest public relations train wreck. Wow. Double wow. Can you say Bill 6? Déjà vu all over again.

But give the bobble head loving Ezra Levant credit. He knows a gullible mark when he sees it and the NDP is now scrambling on damage control. Ezra, who on one day is not a journalist and a so-called reputable one the next, can hardly believe his good fortune. This latest communications disaster may soon burn itself out as the few better heads within the government have forced the appointment of former Western Canadian bureau chief for Canadian Press, Heather Boyd, to come up with some novel ideas on who should be granted official media status.

But the more important issue here is not whether Levant and his Rebel Media organization was slighted by the NDP as not being worthy to be granted the same privileges as traditional media, it is the amateurish way the NDP got into the latest mess. Did they not count backwards to last fall when Levant and Rebel Media were among the loudest provocateurs in the agricultural community's outrage over the rollout of Bill 6?

Apparently not. Instead they forgot recent history and allowed a well-known agitator to show the entire country that last fall's public relations fiasco in rolling out Bill 6 was no fluke. The NDP is a political party that has shown repeatedly that it has no idea of how to communicate, especially on the fly in an era of news cycles that are just hours long, even minutes.

They are operating their messaging as if it is just an afterthought, which is completely irresponsible onto themselves when a great chunk of a stressed-out provincial populace needs little to rise in protest against a first-time NDP government, whose record on financial management across the country is at best suspect, at worst disastrous.

The tragedy in all this is that the Alberta NDP government in its first nine months has been largely impressive when it comes to policy, no small thing when the economy has free fallen as much as it has. But all of that goes out the window when its handling of communications becomes a national embarrassment.

Premier Rachel Notley would do well to undertake a serious housecleaning of her communications department. She needs to restore public confidence that there is some control, that messaging comes with an understanding of the pulse of the province, and that her government is big enough to walk away from the extreme rantings of adversaries like Levant and Rebel Media.

If not, the exit sign becomes clearer for the NDP in 2019.



Commentary

Horse racing is a rural - urban link



FRANK DABBS

Horse racetracks have been an intersection of rural and urban Alberta that has remained constant for more than a century and the evolution of the agrarian and petroleum economies.

The link between rural and urban ways of life, values and interests has become tattered and torn but remains unbroken.

Now one more bond between the two is threatened - once called the sport of kings, horse racing is now a sport for all of us.

After more than 100 years, this is the last year of horse racing at Northlands Park in Edmonton as the venue builds its future as a showbiz venue.

This is just one of the ripple effects of the Edmonton Oilers' move into a new arena closer to downtown, but it is a consequence that touches lives across the province.

Horse Racing Alberta has been running most of its races at Northlands, and the closure of one of Alberta's top-level racetracks is the more dangerous because the sport needs two.

The track for standardbreds has a different finish than the track for thoroughbreds. Until now, Century Downs Racetrack at Balzac and Northlands Park provided the diversity needed.

Racetracks for standardbreds and thoroughbreds are the visible pinnacle of the horse racing and horse breeding industry in the province that employs 7,000 people across the province, including here in Didsbury.

In stables, tack rooms, coffee shops and pastures

across the province owners are asking, "should I breed my mare this spring?"

That is a question that affects not just the stable and the farm where the decision is made; it has consequences for the Alberta culture, economy and way of life.

A new foal is a four-year commitment of time and money for the teams of very smart horse people who raise, care for and train the magnificent horses that will, when they come of age, compete against each other for the trophies and honours.

Most of us have little to do with this activity directly; indirectly it shapes our perception of the province and the outlook for its future.

Alberta's culture, society and economy would be poorer without the horse racing and horse breeding industry.

Why?

Even Albertans who do not condone betting at or off the track appreciate the cultural need for centres of excellence in society. Horse racing and breeding provide one of those centres.

The Ontario government threw the province's horse racing industry under the bus, then realized its mistake and has spent \$500 million to salvage it.

In negotiations between the new Alberta government and Horse Racing Alberta on a new deal for sharing gaming revenues, the provincial government appears to be committed to ensuring the long-term future of horse racing and horse breeding.

The present agreement expires in March. Sharing gaming revenues is the main external funding source for the industry, and there is every indication that Finance Minister Joe Ceci gets it and a deal will be forthcoming.

A new agreement with Horse Racing Alberta would also be a new bridge between rural Alberta and the NDP government.

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Rallying for change towards new hope

BY KRISTINE JEAN
MVP Staff

Despite tough economic times and an uncertain future across the province and Central Alberta, Wildrose Leader Brian Jean remains optimistic for better days ahead.

The Opposition leader, who spoke at the Innisfail Library/Learning Centre on Feb. 19, said his optimism was reflected in last week's announcement that GrainsConnect Canada Operations Inc. will be going ahead with a mas-

sive \$30 to \$40-million grain terminal at Niobe, two kilometres north of Innisfail.

"It's going to be much more convenient for farmers and create a central hub for it," said Jean. "It's going to be much more efficient as far as the cost structure goes, so it should ultimately give more money back to the farmers."

Jean came to the Innisfail Library/Learning Centre to show his support for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA Don MacIntyre at a party fundraiser. MacIntyre said he and the party have

seen the economic decline across Alberta and in rural communities like Innisfail, but he echoed his leader's optimism.

"We're going through a terrible economic time right now. It's been aggravated by government policies that are making a bad situation worse," said MacIntyre, adding he was also pleased with last week's grain terminal announcement for Niobe. "I think this is amazing. I think it is timely. We've been seeing a decline across Alberta in our rural communities, a decline



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Wildrose Leader Brian Jean speaks with Mabel Hamilton, one of many local and area residents who attended a party fundraiser at the Innisfail Library/Learning Centre on Feb. 19. policies and priorities committee on May 7.

of economic activity and this is just exactly the kind of thing that we need, especially in this area."

Jean noted working Albertans are well positioned for the future, emphasizing their high level of training, education and motivation in all sectors of the provincial economy. However, he also underscored the NDP government is not doing enough to help them, including workers in Central Alberta, navigate through the battered economy.

"The things they're (NDP) doing is causing us a lot of problems and a lot of job layoffs, especially in this area," he said, adding many party supporters are asking plenty of questions about the ongoing movement to unite the right

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ROBERTSON, Hazel Madelyn Eleanor

Hazel Madelyn Eleanor Robertson was born on November 12, 1927 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Didsbury, Alberta at the age of 88 years. Hazel resided in the Cremona/Dog Pound area for most of her life. On April 10, 1950 she married her lifelong companion, Leon Ritchie Robertson in Cremona. They would go on to live many happy years farming and contributing to their community.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by son, Neil (Colleen) and their daughters, Chelsea and Courtney; son, Ryan and his son, Aaron (Alana) and their children, Eli-Leon and Cecelia-Hazel, along with many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Hazel is predeceased by her husband, Leon; sister, Lorna Gano; and her parents, GZH van Haaften and Eleanor Tyson van Haaften.

She will be sadly missed. At Hazel's request, there will be a Private Family Service at a later date. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in Hazel's memory to a charity of your choice. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.mylifealternatives.ca.



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CALVIN LEE HAMM

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Calvin Lee Hamm was born September 26th, 1962 in Edmonton, Alberta. He was adopted by Leonard and Bertha Hamm of Devon, AB. They had five children of their own and Calvin made an even 1/2 dozen.

They moved to Kamloops, BC where most of Cal's childhood memories were made, then to the acreage by Mission, BC. Calvin moved to Didsbury in September 1979 to work for Kueker's Manufacturing for Clem Kueker. His Uncle Adolf Neufeld got him a job there! Shortly after he met Rhonda Ness, they were married April 4, 1981. Calvin was 18 and Rhonda was 17.

Two sons completed the family: Kyle Kenneth in 1985, and Kurtis Alan in 1988. Most of their married life was spent in Didsbury.

Calvin was a journeyman welder and later became a Journeyman Machinist. His most amazing gift was to design and then build whatever he was working on thinking of. In 1998 Cal started Wild Rose Machining which he owned and operated for 9 years.

In 2009 we found Cal's biological family. He was thankful for the opportunity to meet as many as he had.

He loved camp fires, camping, fishing, hunting, quading, arguing and Rhonda, his family and spending time with friends. He was an interesting mix of tough and tender.

Calvin had a heart attack on February 5th, he was taken to foothills ICU, and despite all the efforts of the medical staff Calvin never regained consciousness. He will be dearly missed.

He leaves to mourn: his loving wife, Rhonda, sons Kyle (Taren) Hamm of Olds, Kurtis Hamm (Natalie Lawson) of Didsbury, Granddaughters Bella; Dakota of Olds, Grandson Sawyer of Didsbury. Adopted sons Christopher Craig of Didsbury; Cody (Amanda) Craig of Olds, their children Kaiden, Ryan, Autumn (Calvin called her "Fall"). His siblings: Emil Hamm of Abbotsford, BC; Ruby (Larry) Reynolds of Kamloops, BC; Pauline Johnson (Ron Nikkel) of Chilliwack, BC; Homer (Ivona) Hamm of Kamloops, BC; Bernard (Cathy) Hamm of Mission, BC. His biological father Terry (Colleen) Vail of Surrey, BC. Siblings Carmen Macbach Vancouver, BC; April Vail (Ingmar) Chilliwack, BC; Susan Vail (Robi), Pentstemon, BC; Dan (Jody) Vail, and Sarah Vail. Aunt Joan (Charlie) Mingo of Milo, AB. Brother Jay (Shirley) Chahley of Red Deer, AB. Sister Debra (Stephen) Savage of Edmonton. Mother-in-law Mary Ness of Olds, AB. Brother-in-law Chuck (Joese) Payne of Port Sydney, ON. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends just like family. He was predeceased by his parents Leonard and Bertha Hamm, his biological mother, Donna (Leroy) Chahley, father-in-law Clarence Ness, and sister-in-law Rita Payne.



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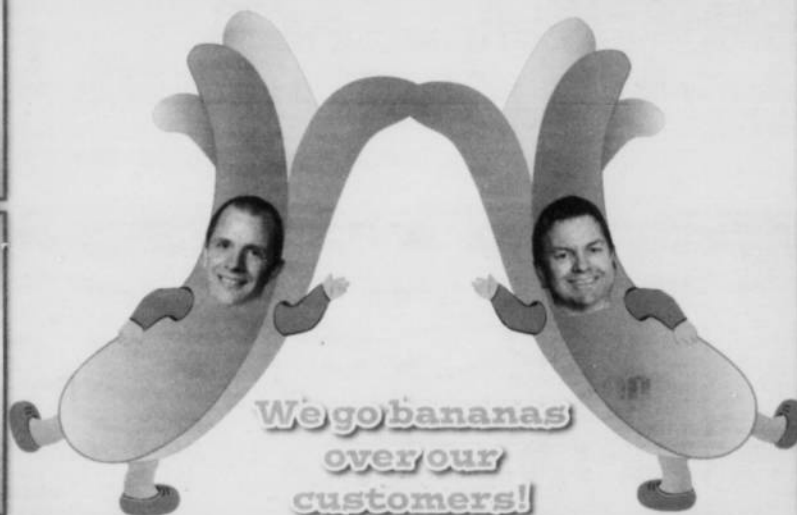
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